

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**  
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## **McAllen Sector One-Week Seizures Total \$5.6 Million**

*McALLEN, Texas* – Chief Patrol Agent Jose E. Garza announces that Border Patrol Agents operating throughout the McAllen Sector seized 5,240 pounds of marijuana, 1.8 pounds of methamphetamine, 17.4 pounds of heroin and 26.8 pounds of cocaine in 29 separate seizures totaling \$5.6 million in value.

The seizures occurred over the last seven days in virtually every station in the sector. The seizures occurred while Agents performed traffic-checkpoint operations, line-watch and other patrol duties. Since the beginning of the fiscal year, McAllen sector has seized 133,719 pounds of marijuana, 349 ounces of heroin and 3,206 pounds of cocaine valued at \$210,489,074.00.

March 2, four seizures totaling 1,771 pounds of marijuana. Three seizures by Falfurrias Agents and one by Rio Grande City Station Agents.

March 1, five seizures totaling 238 pounds of marijuana. Four seizures by Falfurrias Agents and one by the Kingsville station Agents.

February 28, seven seizures totaling 1,166 pounds of marijuana, 1.8 pounds of methamphetamines, 17.4 pounds of heroin, and 26.8 pounds of cocaine. Six seizures by Falfurrias Agents and one by McAllen Station Agents.

February 27, four seizures totaling 667 pounds of marijuana. Two by Falfurrias Agents, one by Kingsville Agents and one by Rio Grande City Station Agents.

February 26, four seizures totaling 366 pounds of marijuana. One by Falfurrias Agents, one by Harlingen Agents, one by McAllen Agents and one by Rio Grande City Station Agents.

February 25, two seizures totaling 989 pounds of marijuana. One seizure by Falfurrias Agents and one by Rio Grande City Station Agents.

February 24, three seizures totaling 43 pounds of marijuana. One seizure by Falfurrias Agents and two by Kingsville Station Agents.

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